

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/388,351

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to BPAI decision, said decision rendered 11/30/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 14, 18, 41 (renumbered as 1-3 respectively).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____

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PRIMARY EXAMINER
February 7, 2007

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Claims 14, 18, 41 are allowed.
2. Pursuant to BPAI decision rendered 11/30/2006 (page 26 of said decision), an examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel claims 3-13, 15-17, 19-28, 31-40, 42-55.

Please replace claim 18 with the following:

18. A computer-implemented method of entering information at a user's computer, comprising the steps of:

- (1) displaying on the user's computer a first form comprising a first plurality of text fields each comprising a field identifier and a data entry region into which a data value can be written;
- (2) entering a data value into one of the first plurality of text fields and storing the entered data value into a local storage area on the user's computer;
- (3) displaying on the user's computer a second form comprising a second plurality of text fields each comprising a field identifier and a data entry region into which a data value can be

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written, wherein the second plurality of text fields comprise field identifiers that are different from those in the first form;

(4) detecting that one of the text fields on the second form is correlated with one of the text fields on the first form despite having a different field identifier, said detecting comprising the use of Bayesian inference techniques, and, in response thereto, retrieving a corresponding previously stored data value from the local storage area; and

(5) suggesting the data value retrieved in step (4) to the user as a possible value to be entered into the second form.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William L. Bashore whose telephone number is (571) 272-4088. The examiner can normally be reached on 1:00pm - 9:30pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached on (571) 272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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